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## Town & District

Rev. Fr. Debuchoire who has been in charge of St. Victor's Church here for some months past has resigned and is moving to the Pacific Coast.

Ed. Menard, our popular barber, returned last week from the Bassoan Capital where he had been for several weeks, much improved in health.

Bill McIntyre of Edmonton spent the Easter holidays in town visiting his parents. Owing to the slippery roads it took him all night to make the trip from Edmonton to Gleichen.

Asahi Saeve had the misfortune to run his car into a snow bank and turn upside down doing several hundred dollars worth of damage. He was returning from Calgary when some reason the car left the road.

Onward were Mrs. Saeve, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson and Walter Nun. No one hurt except for a few bruises.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Proggart and children spent Easter in Edmonton visiting relatives.

Mrs. Bates, wife of our ever obliging postmaster, is slowly recovering from her illness. She has been confined to a hospital in Calgary. Mr. Bates and daughter, Ethel, were visitors to Mrs. Bates during the weekend.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Matson a girl on March 18 in Calgary.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Evans, a boy on March 21st in Calgary.

Mrs. P. Bogtelle has resigned her position as telephone operator and will move to Calgary to reside with D. Collins, who has been with Eborite Stores for sometime will fill the vacancy in the telephone office.

All church services in town during Easter were attended by capacity crowds.

While passing through Barstow a freight train split a match and as a result some twenty cars of coal and several cars of fruit were drenched on the track. No one was hurt. It took several days to clear the track. In the meantime all trains were routed by Strathmore.

Dave Wilson, one Gleichen's real old timers has been confined to his home during the past week through illness. Dave's many friends hope he will soon be around again as well as his wife. They miss his many stories of old times in town.

Mrs. Stenhorst, who is a member of the public school staff spent the Easter holidays in Rocky Mountain House her home town.

Geo. E. Bell, the popular M. L. A. for this riding, spent the weekend at his home. He has been in Edmonton attending the sessions of the legislature.

## Alberta History

(By F. W. GEBBIAW)

H. J. Moberly came into Western Canada in 1845 as a Hudson Bay employee under Sir George Simpson. With the exception of a small tract around the Red River settlement the North West was then considered to be a vast desert good only for the buffalo and the various warlike tribes. After a single settler death there outside of the Company posts except a few half breeds around the missions. There was little in the way of a pioneer life but the New Year was always celebrated by a glorious festival at the trading posts. The day was given over to hand shaking, kissing and sport. The sport often included fist fights resulting in black eyes. Few of the women thought of putting on their hands to shake but they held out their cheeks to be kissed in the old French fashion.

The evening the chief factor gave a dance in the big house and the ball of the ball would be some Blackfoot. The would have a splendid figure, be tall and fair and likely to be the daughter of some unfortunate white woman captured and kept by the

Indian tribe.

Mr. Moberly recalls that quite a number of the women who came to the trading posts in those days had no sign of having a drop of Indian blood. Their hair was light their eyes were blue and except for sunburn they were as fair as any white woman. For this there was an explanation. For this was an explanation. When the Indians raised an immigrant covered wagon group on the American side, they killed all the grown people and boys, but preserved the girls who grew up as perfect Indians and then rarely could they be persuaded to leave their dusky companion.

In those days of long ago the traveller had to be resourceful to survive. This Hudson Bay trader was going along one night with a load of furs when he discovered that he was encircled by a pack of wolves.

He was weapon except his pocket knife. He was close to a river so he cut a club and as he did so seven wolves trotted out on the ice in front of him. With a loud yell he rushed at them swinging his weapon. They did not expect an attack so they rushed the hunter and contented themselves with howling along the bank.

The traders and missionaries in the fur trade lived lives of adventure and danger but they played their parts well and the records they left should not go to the limbo of forgotten things.

F. W. GEBBIAW.

## CAPACITY OF SPRINKLER IRRIGATION SYSTEMS FOR SOUTHERN ALBERTA

(Experimental Farm Notes.)

Owing to high cost of installing sprinkler irrigation equipment, there is some tendency in designing systems to under-estimate the capacity required and the moisture needs of the crops to be watered. In normal conditions the capacity of the irrigation system of various crops under the wide range of soil and climatic conditions that exist on the prairies.

However, on the basis of available data, it may be assumed that, for maximum yields, cereals require up to 8 inches of moisture including precipitation and any irrigation applied. Alfalfa will make beneficial use of moisture up to 24 inches and more, while potatoes will make use of 12 to 14 inches. Pastures where good grass, will need up to 20 inches or more of moisture during the growing season.

The approximate irrigation requirements for each crop may be estimated by deducting the moisture stored in the soil in the spring and the moisture received during the growing season, from the total moisture requirements of potatoes, where the precipitation during the growing season and the spring moisture content amounts to say 9 inches, would be from 3 to 6 inches, or 4 to 2 inches, based on an irrigation efficiency of 75 per cent.

The period of peak use will determine the capacity of the system needed to ensure maximum returns and avoid loss of yield through delayed irrigation. The capacity of a sprinkler system is most conveniently expressed in gallons per minute per acre. A system designed to deliver 5 to 6 g.p.m. per acre should be satisfactory for average prairie conditions. On this basis, the overall capacity to serve 40 acres would be 200 to 240 g.p.m.

The object usually is not to irrigate for the highest possible yield as owing to the law of diminishing returns, the last few bushels or pounds of yield show high water use. However, owing to the high cost of installation the object should be to design for relatively high yields per acre, rather than to try to cover too much land. Reports have been received of exceptional returns from one irrigation applied at just the right time. It is for this reason that adequate capacity is desirable, so that the maximum area of the crop may be covered in the shortest possible time when the need arises.

## The Salvation Army

Meetings held in the Reading Room of the Everette House as follows:

Sunday—April 1st—2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mr. Major and Mrs. Parkin in charge.

Wednesday—April 4th—Mrs. Parkin, 7:30 p.m.

## OBITUARY

OSCAR SAMSON

A resident of Cluny and Milo districts for more than thirty-eight years. Mr. Oscar Samson died in Belcher hospital in Calgary at the age of 81 years.

Mr. Samson was born in Norway and in 1880 went to the United States where he homesteaded in North Dakota. After homesteading a few years sold out and went to Montana later to San Francisco. In 1886 he went to Alaska where he helped build the Alaska railway. Later he went to Prince Rupert and worked on the construction of the railway line to that city. He first came to Gleichen in 1919 when he moved to Milo. He enlisted in 1916 and served overseas and was wounded. In 1918 he was invalided home and received a military medal.

In 1921 he purchased a farm in Milo under the Soldier Settlement agreement. For the past seven years he has lived with his son at Cluny.

Mr. Samson is survived by a son, Oscar, and a daughter, Mrs. E. Elder, of Cluny and three grand children. His wife predeceased him in 1924.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock when services were conducted at St. Andrew's church. With a local bell he was interment was made in Gleichen cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. B. Ross, P. C. Venzland, A. Quinn, K. McPhee and L. Davenport.

Since Mr. Samson was a veteran the 122 Battery and local veterans took an active part in the funeral. A firing party and a bugler being on hand for the occasion.

## JAMES ASHMORE

James Ashmore, age 91 years, died last Wednesday after living in Gleichen for almost two years. He was born in England and had lived in Alberta for the past 47 years. The remains were shipped to Vulcan for burial by G. W. Evans.

## REES JONES

Rees Jones who had been a resident of Gleichen for the past year died last Friday evening at the age of 81 years. He was born in Wales and had lived in the province for the past 47 years. He came to Gleichen from Crossfield and is survived by several children. The remains were shipped to Calgary for burial in Crossfield by G. W. Evans.

## JOHN ARCHIBALD

John Archibald who came to Gleichen from Lethbridge about a year ago died suddenly Saturday at the age of 74 years. He was born in Scotland and had lived in Canada for 68 years. A son and daughter survive him. The remains were shipped to Calgary Sunday evening for funeral services by G. W. Evans.

## The Census

Eight documents will be used in the 1951 census. These deal with population, blind and deaf, housing, agriculture, irrigation, live stock and greenhouse elsewhere than on farms, commercial fishermen and distribution.

The population card has 29 questions to be asked of each person by the enumerator who will thereby record the name, address, relation to head of household, age, sex, marital status, birthplace, citizenship or nationality, language, religion, education, occupation and employment, etc., of every individual.

The housing card will record and is primarily to determine who are blind, deaf or blind and deaf, their ages and the age at which their eyes were lost. It is to supplement the information obtained from the population card and to facilitate the work of educational and other institutions for those with such disabilities.

The housing document will record for every fifth house such things as type of dwelling number of dwelling units, the structure, principal exterior material, need of repair number of rooms, water supply, heating and other facilities, tenure and monthly rent.

The general farm schedule of the census of agriculture will record information about the farm operator; the location, area, tenure and value of the farm; field crops, fruit, green houses and nurseries, condition of the land, irrigation, breaking and forest fires; farm machinery and equipment; employment; live stock; forest products; dairy

products, etc. This schedule was drawn up in consultation with Dominion and provincial departments of agriculture and other agricultural authorities, and in the light of suggestions made for a world census of agriculture by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Owing to its limited agricultural activity, there will be separate, smaller agriculture schedules for Newfoundland. On the form for recording live stock and greenhouses elsewhere than on farms information will be collected about the number of cattle, poultry, bees, goats, swine; and the area of greenhouses and the value of their production, on holdings of less than three acres.

The enumeration booklet for commercial fishermen will classify fishermen as fishing on their own account or as shares or "lay," or for wages. It will also record the number of days spent in fishing. This information will provide the basis of a sample survey to be taken later in the year.

On the enumeration folio for the Census of Distribution the enumerators will enter details concerning the name, address, kind of business and whether sales site classification of all retail, wholesale and service establishments. This will provide a mailing record which will serve as a basis for the conduct of a mail questionnaire survey in 1952.

The irrigation schedule is appli-



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It was to gain religious freedom that the Pilgrim Fathers came to this continent in 1620. Political freedom was won by the American colonies in 1781. Freedom from slavery came to the negroes of the southern States only in 1865.

President F. D. Roosevelt gave the world a new concept and a better understanding of its problems when he enumerated his "Forty Freedoms." Freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want and freedom from fear—these were the four that we are tempted to remark here about what the East needs is freedom from want and what the West needs is freedom from fear—and we might not be so far from the truth at last! But we must move along, for there are many other freedoms of great importance to the individual (We shall not try to list them all.)

Wives go to Reno to obtain freedom from the bonds of matrimony; sufferers from toothache go to their dentist to secure freedom from pain; men go to jail to clear off their mortgages and gain freedom from debt. We have a Russian friend who left his homeland to escape the tyranny of Communism and what first impressed him when he arrived in Canada was his complete freedom to move around. "I get on a train at Quebec. I get off where I like. Nobody asks to see my papers. I am not once questioned by the police."

In Canada we enjoy more kinds of freedom than we can count, and that is one of them. But when we speak of freeing other countries we usually have in mind political freedom. This kind of freedom may mean much or little. Britain's colonies do not care it. One of the worst mistakes that can be made by the West in its attempt to help the East is to assume that its hungry millions are crying for political freedom. Most of them want freedom to live in peace—freedom from oppression, freedom from famine, freedom to invest a hard-earned dollar in the soil. That is why any smooth-tongued Communist can lead them. He need only promise them ownership of a small plot of ground, and they will gladly help in the "liquidation" of their grasping landlords.

What does a Chinese peasant care about political freedom so long as he is free to live and raise a family? If we in the West want to save the East from Communism, we must convince these millions that we are able and willing to help them with the kinds of freedom they are most in need of. Killing them by the tens of thousands may be an unfortunate necessity, but we shall not free the people of China by an act of conquest.

March, most of the time, is a prankster that loves a hearty laugh at someone else's expense. It makes the weatherman look ridiculous by riding blithely in on a lamb when the prediction was quite the contrary! This Dr. Jekyll-and-Mr. Hyde month takes hilarious delight in snatching the hats of unsuspecting pedestrians and rolling them under automobiles or into mud puddles. There are of course, moments of kindness with which March can be associated. For March loosens winter's frigid grip and unlocks leibund streams. March in its more serious mood, gave birth to three of the world's most noted composers, Johann Strauss, Franz Joseph Haydn, and Johann Sebastian Bach. A major historical event for which March must receive credit is the discovery of the South Pole by Amundsen in 1912. March, like all other months, has commanded the respect of the poets. Surely one Slayer of winter, art thou here again? O welcome, thou that bring'st the summer night!

March, it is quite obvious, has a split personality!

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**TUE CENSUS**

Supply basic data, for the government departments concerned, of the regions affected and other relevant facts.

In connection with these somewhat elaborate and searching inquiries three points should be emphasized: that to question has

been inserted merely to gratify life curiosity but only because the resulting tabulation of the information has a distinct bearing on basic social or economic conditions; (2) that census information obtained from or about an individual may not be used for taxation or military purposes; and (3) that the answers given by the individual are absolutely confidential. Every enumerator and all other employees of the Bureau being under oath not to reveal any single item about any individual under penalty of fine or imprisonment or both. The Bureau itself is also forbidden by the Statistics Act of 1948 to issue any statement that would lay bare any personal matter. Though the name of every person is taken down for statistical purposes only it should also be noted that enumerators are required to use courtesy and tact in collecting the information.

It takes from 80 to 100 years to produce a tree large enough for timber.

A cat's whiskers are delicate sense organs which help him find his way about.

Fine trees are less likely to be struck by lightning because their roots interfere with their conducting of electricity.

It is warmer to wear two thin garments than one thick one because the air between them serves as insulation.

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